# MINUTES

OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

## HIGH HILL CHURCH

Union County, North Carolina
September 18, 19, 20

## 1981

Next session convenes with Park View
Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.

OFFICERS


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*Proceedings*

## Of The 149th Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

### Friday, September 18, 1981

The Association met with High Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Union County, North Carolina at 10:30 a.m. and engaged in songs of praise after which Elder Wiley Sammons led in prayer and Elder Newell Helms, pastor of High Hill Church delivered the introductory sermon using Isaiah 26: 1-6 as a text.

After an hour for refreshments and fellowship, the Association opened with prayer by Elder F. W. Stack and convened for business. Elder Newell Helms served as moderator, Brother Dennis Pressley served as clerk and Brother Ken Austin was called to serve as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.
2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches of the association which were read by Brother Mason Anderson and Brother Oren Baucom and their status noted.

HIGH HILL: Represented by entire membership.

PARK VIEW: Brethren Max Cole, John Joyce, Pete Smith and Elwood Ashby.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Craven Furr, Hobart Medlin, Bill Fincher and Burin Medlin.

PLEASANT GROVE: Brethren Winfred Newsome, Roger Mullis, Max Mills and James Little.

UNION GROVE: Brethren Oren Baucom, Conley Rushing, Melvin Clontz and George Griffin.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Charlie McSwain, Lonnie Eury, Tim Huneycutt and Jerry Vanhoy.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Brethren Vann Baucom, Tommy Horne, Paul High and Gradon Helms.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren W. T. Broadway, Jerry Honeycutt, Fred Polk and Bernard Simpson.

HIGH POINT: Brethren Raymond Clark, Ted Myers, Edward Willard and Clifton Willard.

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Roy Barbee, Gene Herrin, Jerry Deese and Melvin Greene.

WATSON: Brethren Douglas Williams, Bobby Helms, Titus Tarlton and Wilburn Mullis.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Gary Duran, Elsie Auman, Allen Copple and Johnny Woodell.

BETHEL: Brethren Aaron McLamb, Mason Anderson, Franklin Owens and Thurston Mintz.

CORINTH: By move, second and unanimous vote the letter from Corinth was tabled, since it's reading at this time would violate rules 1, 3, & 4 of our association.

HERRIN'S GROVE: Brethren Kim Honeycutt, Claud Herrin, Houston Tucker and Claude Earle.

JERUSALEM: Brethren Kermit Thomas, David Smith, Floyd Thomas and Elder A. E. Broadway.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Jay Hurley, Reed Shue, Randy Williams and Wayne Efird.

NEW HOPE: Brethren Sam Campbell, C. R. Smith, Edsel Thomas and Sister Eugenia Campbell.

OAK GROVE: Not currently meeting.

UNION: Brethren V. H. Solomon, Jim Briscoe, Jennings Hough and Garland Hinson.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None were presented.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

Preaching committee: Elders Charles Smith, Rom Kerley, E. H. Simpson, E. W. Hooven, Joe Helms and Brethren Barry Helms and Earl Pressley.

Finance committee: Brethren Carl Haigler, Hobart Medlin, Ray Eudy, Wilburn Mullis, Clayton Griffin, T. H. Mintz, Howard Edwards and Floyd Thomas.

5. Called for presbytery reports:

On Saturday, November 22, 1980 the following elders and deacons formed a presbytery at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church and ordained Brother Mason H. Anderson to the office of deacon; Elders Newell Helms, W. M. Benton, W. C. Mintz, James McLamb and Steve Garrett. Deacons Carl Stevens, R. J. Somerset, Thurston Mintz, Larry Austin, Melvin Mills, Clayton Griffin, W. S. Medlin, Oren Baucom, Barry Helms, Kenneth Austin, Earl Parker and Cagie Sanders.

The following elders and deacons formed a presbytery at Park View Primitive Baptist Church on Friday, April 17,1981 and ordained Brethren Pete Smith and Frankie Beason to the office of deacon: Elders E. W. Hooven, Bernie Leonard, A. E. Broadway, Joe C. Helms, Steve Garrett and Newell Helms. Deacons Claude Parnell, Richard McGee, Athel Smith, C. C. Willard, T. E. Ragan, Ted Myers, Edward Willard, D. G. Dix, Kermit Thomas, Gradon Helms, Truby High, Burin Williams, Lane Vanhoy, Melvin Mills, T. B. Curlee, Parks Mullis, Clayton Griffin, Wilburn Mullis, Kenneth Austin, Ben Willard, Frank King, Gilbert Smith and Lloyd Miles.

In compliance with a request from High Hill Primitive Baptist Church the following elders and deacons formed a presbytery on Saturday, September 5, 1981 and ordained Brother Larry Austin to the full work of the gospel ministry: Elders Newell Helms, Charles Smith, A. E. Broadway, E. H. Simpson, E. W. Hooven, Joe Helms, H. L. Poplin and Raymond Pressley. Deacons Earl Pressley, Howard Edwards, Johnnie Edwards, Edward Pressley, W. S. Medlin. L. E. Outen, Carl Haigler, Kenneth Austin, Barry Helms, Oren Baucom, Bernard Simpson, Buford Hinson, Mason Anderson, Thurston Mintz, Wilson Greene, Truby High, Orlin Stewart, Gradon Helms, David Helms, Wilburn Mullis, Howard Little, Burin Williams, David Dix, T. E. Ragan, Claude Parnell, Pete Smith, Clayton Griffin, Melvin Mills, Parks Mullis, Sam Campbell, T. B. Polk, V. H. Solomon, Bill Fincher, Hobart Medlin, Lane Vanhoy, Howard Collins, Fred Eudy, Fred Harkey, Floyd Thomas, Kermit Thomas and Ray Eudy.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:
ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder & Sister Worth Stephenson.
ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Elder Daniel Hall, Elder & Sister Clyde Meek, Brother Michael Meek.
LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Minutes
FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Elder & Sister Gus Harter, Sister Sharon Corbitt, Brother & Sister Donald Swords, Elder Roy Barker.
TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Minutes.
POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder Harold Hunt, Elder & Sister Kenneth Robbins, Brother Charles Greene, Brother & Sister Ray Wells, Sister Linda Wells, Elder Steve Greene, Brother W. G. Story.
MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder H. L. Thompson, Elder William Copeland, Licentiate Hubert Thompson, Brother Earl Cobbs.
SOUTH ARKANSAS: No correspondence.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us and welcomed the following:
ECHECONEE ASSN.: Elder Thomas E. Bond.
PREDESTINARIAN ASSN.: Elder Elmer Weaver, Brother Conard Jones, Brother Thurman Cash.
CHOCTAWHATCHEE ASSN.: Elder M. A. Herring.
WETUMPKA ASSN.: Elder Ernie Stump.
SILVER CREEK ASSN.: Elder Orvin J. Huffman, Brother & Sister Herman Gaddy, Elder Gene F. Watson, Sister Ellie Lou Chason.
NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA: Elder & Sister Oscar Harris, Elder Alvin Puckett.
MISSISSIPPI RIVER ASSN.: Elder & Sister Wiley Sammons.
KETOCTON ASSN.: Elder & Sister Raymond Pressley, Elder Phillip Johnson, Brother Steve Johnson.
MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSN.: Elder Curtis Hash.
ORIGINAL OCONEE ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA: Brother Radford Chandler, Sister Lou Chandler, Sister Linda Chandler.
EBENEZER ASSOCIATION OF VA.: Elder Gary Utz, Brother Aubrey Utz.
FLINT RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GA.: Licentiate & Sister Glenn Hollingsworth.
SENTER ASSN.: Brother & Sister F. L. Carriker.
PLEASANT HOME CHURCH (ALA.): Elder Edwin Farris.
HAW'S RUN CHURCH: Elder Stephen Garrett.
SAINT'S DELIGHT CHURCH: Elder Bernie O. Leonard.
LOCKHART CHURCH (ALA.): Elder John Miles Blackshear.
ANTIOCH CHURCH (FLA.): Sister Irene Hooper.
LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH(VA.): Brother & Sister Harold Martin.
DAN RIVER CHURCH: Sister Thelma Dickerson.
AFTON ROAD CHURCH: Brother & Sister John Lawrence, Sister Edrie Strader.
PLEASANT HILL CHURCH (STATESVILLE): Elder Harvey Carpenter, Sister Mary Brooks.

PINE CHURCH: Brother & Sister Ralph Williams, Brother & Sister Frank Jones, Brother & Sister J. Ashburn Williams, Brother & Sister J. W. Williams, Brother & Sister Grover Roark, Brother & Sister Clarence Brown.
PUCKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH (VA.): Elder & Sister William McGrady.
FLAT CREEK CHURCH: Elder H. L. Poplin.
SAINT CLAIR BOTTOM CHURCH: Brother Glenn Blevins.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (It is understood that any member of our association who is in good standing can represent our people when visiting another association.)
ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th week-end, Sept.): Elder F. W. Stack, Elder W. M. Benton, Brother T. B. Curlee, Elder Newell Helms.
ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (1st week-end, Sept.): Elder Roy Speir, Elder W. M. Benton.
LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Elder Larry Austin, Elder F. W. Stack.
FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Brother Jim Briscoe.
TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Larry Austin, Brother Dennis Pressley.
POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Elder Roy Speir, Brother Jim Briscoe.
MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Newell Helms.
SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder F. W. Stack was unanimously appointed to write the corresponding letter to be approved Saturday morning.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30; the meeting to continue at Sun Valley High School.

**Saturday, September 19, 1981**

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 in the Sun Valley High School. After prayer by Elder Alvin Puckett, the association continued with business as follows:

12. Acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items 6 and 7.

13. Called for the report from the finance committee:

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| Received from the churches | $3029. |
| Received from friends | $ 256. |
| Total | $3285. |

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and ordered embodied in the minutes.

16. Extended invitation for churches of the association to request fifth Sunday meetings and granted the following:

November 1981 ..... Herrin's Grove
January 1982 ..... Mountain Creek
May 1982 ..... Jerusalem
August 1982 ..... Watson

17. Unanimously agreed to hold the next session of the association with Park View Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1982, and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon by move, second and vote.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual and that Ken Austin superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other associational expenses the finance committee may deem expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed by standing vote that we give thanks to God for His mercy and to the members and friends of High Hill Church for their assistance in every way during this meeting. We also desire to express our thanks to Mr. Ron Gilliard, Principal of Sun Valley High School for the use of the school facilities on Saturday and Sunday. Likewise, we wish to thank Scoutmaster Frankie Hartis and Scout Troop 276 for their assistance in parking.

21. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to the time and place designated in item 17 after reading and approving the minutes.

Benediction by Elder Larry Austin.

Elder Newell Helms, Moderator
Dennis Pressley, Clerk
Ken Austin, Assistant Clerk

## CORRESPONDING LETTER

Brethren, let us thank God for His grace and mercy that we are able to come together again in an associational capacity. We, of the Bear Creek Association, along with our messengers and Elders Igreet all our corresponding associations and like faith brethen happy in the Lord. We hope that we have all come praying that the Spirit of God may be with us, and that our coming together may be to the uplifting of the Kingdom of God, and to the edification of His children.

Brethren, fellowship is what we love, and may God keep us humble in His sight that we may have this fellowship continually. May we be able to share a mutual faith together and be refreshed in the Lord.

May God keep us all by His grace. Pray for us.

In christian love,

Elder F. W. Stack

## ORDER OF PREACHING

**Friday Morning**
Elder Newell Helms - Isaiah 26:1-6

**Friday Afternoon**
Elder Bernie O. Leonard - Matt. 27:51
Elder John Miles Blackshear - Exodus 15:27

**Friday Night (High Hill Church)**
Elder Phillip Johnson - Matt. 7:13-14
Elder Gus Harter - Mark 16:14-18

**Friday Night (Pleasant Grove Church)**
Elder Elmer Weaver - II Cor. 5:17-21
Elder Orvin J. Huffman - Rom. 10:1-3

**Friday Night (Herrin's Grove Church)**
Elder Thomas E. Bond - Isaiah 9:6-7
Elder Edwin Farris - Heb. 2:9

**Saturday Morning**
Elder Daniel Hall - Matt. 11:28-30
Elder Kenneth Robbins - II Pet. 1:1-2
Elder Gus Harter - Proverbs 29:18

**Saturday Afternoon**
Elder H. L. Poplin - Heb. 1:7
Elder H. L. Thompson - I Pet. 1:1-2
Elder M. A. Herring - Luke 4:13
Elder Harold Hunt - Psalms 84:1-10

**Saturday Night (High Hill Church)**
Elder Gary Utz - II Cor. 5:17-21
Elder Raymond Pressley - Rom. 10:1-3
Elder Roy Barker - "Number one"

**Saturday Night (Watson Church)**
Elder Phillip Johnson - Gen. 17:15
Elder Edwin Farris - Acts 17:26

**Saturday Night (Lawyer's Spring Church)**
Elder Elmer Weaver - Eph. 6:8
Elder Wiley Sammons - I Cor. 15:58

**Saturday Night (Liberty Hill Church)**
Elder Ernie Stump - Heb 2:9
Elder William Copeland - John 10:6-8

**Sunday Morning**
Elder Elmer Weaver - II Cor. 6:1
Elder Wiley Sammons - I Tim. 6:5-12
Elder Ernie Stump - I Cor. 15:1-5

## VISITING MINISTERS

**Elders:**

Roy Barker, 905 Colonial Dr., Pigeon Forge, Tenn. 37863
John Miles Blackshear, 906 Glenwood St., Dothan, Ala. 36301
Thomas E. Bond, 130 Pine Glen Park, Griffin, Ga. 30223
Harvey C. Carpenter, Rt. 6, Box 240, Mooresville, N. C. 28115
William Copeland, Rt. 10, Box 142, Cullman, Ala. 35055
Edwin Farris, 1203 7th St., Lipscomb, Ala. 35020
Stephen M. Garrett, Rt. 2, Box 912AA, Monroe, N.C. 28110
Steve Greene, Rt. 2, Box 355A, Middleboro, Ky.
Daniel R. Hall, 86 Rivercrest Dr., Riverdale, Ga. 30274
Oscar Harris, Rt. 4, Box 177, Stuart, Va.
Gus Harter, 1585 Joe Hewatt Rd., Lilburn, Ga. 30247
Curtis D. Hash, Rt. 2, Box 157C, Independence, Va. 24348
M. A. Herring, 806 Morgan St., Dothan, Ala. 36301
Orvin Huffman, Rt. 4, Box 328, Candler, N.C. 28715
Harold L. Hunt, 2516, Clark St., Maryville, Tenn. 37801
Phillip Johnson, P.O. Box 283, Strasburg, Va. 22657
Bernie O. Leonard, 1149 Old Salem Rd., Kernersville, N. C. 27284
William M. McGrady, P.O. Box 798, Hillsville, Va. 24343
Clyde D. Meek, 224 Shields Rd., Stockbridge, Ga. 30281
H. L. Poplin, Rt. 5, Box 506, Albemarle, N. C. 28001
Raymond Pressley, P. O. Box 54, Brightwood, Va.
Alvin Puckett, Rt. 2, Box 197, Meadows of Dan, Va. 24120
Kenneth Robbins, Rt. 2, Box 6, Calvin, Ky. 40813
Wiley Sammons, P. O. Box 246, Colliersville, Tenn. 38017
Worth Stephenson, Rt. 1, Box 385A, Wendell, N. C. 27591
Ernie Stump, 736 Sprucewood Ln., Birmingham, Ala. 35214
H. L. Thompson, 317 11th Place NW, Arab, Ala. 35016
Gary Utz, P. O. Box 181, Madison, Va. 22727
Gene F. Watson, 145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, N. C. 28645
Elmer Weaver, Rt. 2, Box 273, Henderson, Tenn. 38340

**Licentiates**

W. Glenn Hollingsworth, Rt. 1, Box 20-B, Whigham, Ga. 31797
Hubert A. Thompson, P. O. Box 247, Arab, Ala. 35016

## HOME MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

**Elders:**

Larry B. Austin, Rt. 2, Monroe, N.C. 28110 - 283-6505
Joseph N. Baucom, Rt. 2, Monroe, N.C. 28110 - 289-3710
W. M. Benton, Rt. 4, Box 106, Leland, N.C. 28451 - 371-6445
A. E. Broadway, Rt. 7, Monroe, N.C. 28110 - 283-6078
Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N.C. 28133 - 272-5642
Newell Helms, Rt. 2, Monroe, N.C. 28110 - 283-6570
E. W. Hooven, 1320 Woodbrook Dr., Kernersville, N.C. 27284 - 996-2022
Rom Kerley, 903 Alma Dr., Kannapolis, N.C. 28081 - 938-4375
James McLamb, Rt. 1, Box 133-30, Shallotte, N.C. 28459 - 287-3725
W. C. Mintz, Box 324, Little River, S.C. 29566 - 249-2373
Guy Parks, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N.C. 28001 - 982-9371
E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N.C. 28025 - 782-7593
Charles L. Smith, 1504 Lancaster Ave., Monroe, N.C. 28110 - 289-1697
Roy Speir, 1506 Huntingdon Rd., Kannapolis, N.C. 28081 - 938-3424
F. W. Stack, 707 Sutherland Ave., Monroe, N.C. 28110 - 283-8480
Richard Styers, Box 503, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086 - 739-3544
V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N.C. 27260 - 869-5078

**Licentiates:**

Richard Kirby, Rt. 5, Box 554, Gastonia, N.C. 28052 - 824-4769
Paul Stroupe, 304 S. Central St., Locust, N.C. 28098 - 888-5109
F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27107
Rommie Williams, Rt. 4, Marshville, N.C. 28103 - 624-5987

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:

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| Received from the churches | $3029. |
| Received from friends | $ 256. |
| Total receipts | $3285. |

Disbursements:

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| Printing, mailing and distribution of minutes and all other clerk's expenses | $ 550 |
| Ministers and miscellaneous expense | $2735. |
| Total disbursements | $3285. |

## CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BETHEL: R. J. Glaesner, Rt. 1, Clarendon, N.C. 28423
CORINTH: Dick Styers, P.O. Box 503, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086
CROOKED CREEK: W. T. Broadway, 390 Rocky River Rd., Indian Trail, N.C. 28079
HERRIN'S GROVE: J. C. Williams, Rt. 1, Box 434, Mt. Pleasant, N.C. 28124
HIGH HILL: Dennis Pressley, Rt. 8, Monroe, N.C. 28110
HIGH POINT: Raymond H. Hicks, Rt. 1, Box 571, High Point, N.C. 27260
JERUSALEM: Kermit Thomas, 2461 Eaton Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28205
LAWYER'S SPRING: W. O. Stewart, Rt. 4, Box 147, Marshville, N.C. 28103
LIBERTY HILL: Reece Eury, Rt. 2, Box 90, Oakboro, N.C. 28129
MEADOW CREEK: Marshall Gaskey, 174 Arlington Ave., SE, Concord, N.C. 28205
MILLS CHAPEL: Wayne Efird, Rt. 1, Box 72, Rockwell, N.C. 28138
MOUNTAIN CREEK: Artis Medlin, Rt. 5, Box 434, Albemarle, N.C. 28001
NEW HOPE: Eugenia Campbell, Rt. 4, Box 61, Hopkins, S.C. 29061
OAK GROVE: Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S.C. 29707
PARK VIEW: C. L. Parnell, 4244 Glen High Rd., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27107
PLEASANT GROVE: Clayton Griffin, Rt. 2, Marshville, N.C. 28103
PLEASANT HILL: Barry Cole, Rt. 4, Box 304, Asheboro, N.C. 27203
UNION: V. H. Solomon, Rt. 5, Box 398, Gastonia, N.C. 28052
UNION GROVE: Oren N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Dr., Charlotte, N.C . 28205
WATSON: T. L. Simpson, 12937 Rocky River Ch. Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28215

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### *Clerk's Note*

Once again we have been blessed with a sweet meeting. Surely the presence of the Lord was felt. To Him be all the glory.

I would like to thank all who have so kindly assisted me in compiling the minutes. Your help is certainly appreciated.

Ken Austin, *Assistant Clerk*

## *In Memoriam*

We pause to pay tribute to our beloved brothers and sisters who have passed this life since our last association. Their memory is precious to our hearts.

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| PARK VIEW: | Brother Vester Reid King<br>Sister Cassie May Willard |
| LIBERTY HILL: | Sister Peggy Efird Hatley<br>Sister Essie Whitley<br>Sister Lena Medlin<br>Sister Laura Huneycutt |
| UNION GROVE: | Brother Winfred F. Baucom<br>Sister Gertha A. Griffin<br>Sister Hazel C. Tomberlin |
| LAWYER'S SPRING: | Brother Johnnie Drye |
| CROOKED CREEK: | Sister Myrtle Hinson<br>Deacon Thomas Broadway |
| HIGH POINT: | Sister Mina Duggins<br>Sister Alma Idol<br>Sister Cora Isom<br>Sister Hycenthe Willard<br>Brother Woodrow Witcher |
| MEADOW CREEK: | Brother Claud A. Hathcock |
| BETHEL: | Sister Dorothy M. Hewett<br>Brother Charlie E. Milliken |
| MILLS CHAPEL: | Brother L. W. Jones<br>Sister Mattie Simpson |
| UNION: | Brother John Thomas<br>Sister Lena Thomas |

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."*

## CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

BETHEL: 1st Sunday morning, Elder McLamb; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Mintz; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Benton; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

CORINTH: Each Sunday, Pastor.

CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday night, Elder Austin; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HERRIN'S GROVE: 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HIGH HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Smith.

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastors.

JERUSALEM: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor.

LAWYER'S SPRING: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Brother Kirby.

LIBERTY HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, minister by invitation.

MEADOW CREEK: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before; 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder N. Helms; 4th Sunday morning, Brother Stroupe.

MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Brother Kirby.

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Stack; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

OAK GROVE: Not currently meeting.

PARK VIEW: 1st Sunday night, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.

PLEASANT HILL: 1st Sunday morning; 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

UNION: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 3rd Sunday morning, Pastor.

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Smith.

WATSON: 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

## LOCATION OF CHURCHES

BETHEL: 13 miles south of Shallotte, N.C., 2 miles off Highway 17.
CORINTH: South Sims Street, Kings Mountain, N.C. 3 Blocks off Highway 74.
CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, N.C.
HERRIN'S GROVE: 4 miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, N.C., 2 miles south of Highway 73 on road 1233.
HIGH HILL: Just off Highway 601 north in the suburbs of Monroe, N.C., 1 mile north of Highway 74.
HIGH POINT: 209 Rock Springs Road, 1 block off 1500 of North Main Street, High Point, N.C.
JERUSALEM: 12 miles north of Wadesboro, N.C., east of Highway 218, in the Olive Branch community.
LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, N.C.
LIBERTY HILL: 10 miles west of Albemarle, N.C. on Highway 27 near Red Cross.
MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road, between Highway 27 west and 200 north near Locust, N.C.
MILL'S CHAPEL: On China Grove Road, just off Lane Street, between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, N.C.
MOUNTAIN CREEK: 6 miles northwest of Albemarle, N.C. in the Palestine community.
NEW HOPE: 9 miles east of Columbia, S.C., just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Road.
OAK GROVE: 9 miles south of Wadesboro, N.C. just off Highway 742.
PARK VIEW: Just off Sprague Street (Highway 150) near Highway 311 in Winston-Salem, N.C.
PLEASANT GROVE: 3½ miles north of Marshville, N.C. approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.
PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, N.C., south of Asheboro, N.C.
UNION: McAdenville, N.C., Springwood section, 1 block off Mt. Holly-McAdenville Road, ½ mile north of I-85.
UNION GROVE: On Highway 200 north, approximately 3 miles from Highway 74 north of Monroe, N.C.
WATSON: Approximately 10 miles east-northeast of Monroe on road 1627 (New Salem Road) approximately 6 miles east of Highway 200 north.

## RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a discipinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall perserve in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | PASTORS | Communion Sundays | Rec'd by baptism | Rec'd by relation | Rec'd by letter | Restored | Dismissed by letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Park View | Elder E. W. Hooven | 3rd May | 4 | | 5 | | | 8 | 2 | 62 | $200. |
| Liberty Hill | Elder Rom Kerley | 1st June | | | 1 | | | 3 | 4 | 101 | 250. |
| Pleasant Grove | Elder Joe C. Helms | 2nd July | | | | | | | | 59 | 150. |
| Union Grove | Elder Newell Helms | 2nd Aug. | 2 | | 2 | | 5 | 3 | 3 | 197 | 300. |
| Mountain Creek | Elder Joe C. Helms | 3rd July | | | | | 2 | 3 | | 85 | 273. |
| Lawyer's Spring | Elder Joe C. Helms | 1st Aug. | | | | | | | 1 | 67 | 125. |
| Crooked Creek | Elder E. H. Simpson | 4th July | 3 | | 3 | | | | 2 | 48 | 100. |
| High Point | Elders V.V. Willard & Roy Speir | 4th May | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4th Aug. | 3 | | | | | 2 | 5 | 142 | 300. |
| Meadow Creek | Elder Charles Smith | 1st June | | | | | | | 1 | 65 | 181. |
| Watson | Elder Joseph N Baucom | 4th May | | | | | | | | 38 | 100. |
| Pleasant Hill | Elder Roy Speir | 3rd June | 1 | | | | | | | 41 | 125. |
| High Hill | Elder Newell Helms | 1st Sept. | | | | | | 1 | | 82 | 200. |
| Bethel | Elder Newell Helms | 4th June | 5 | | | 1 | | 3 | 2 | 86 | 175. |
| Corinth | Elder Richard Styers | 3rd May | Information not received | | | | | | | | |
| Herrin's Grove | Elder Rom Kerley | 4th June | 2 | | 1 | | | | | 31 | 120. |
| Jerusalem | Elder A. E. Broadway | 2nd Aug. | | | | | | | | 19 | 75. |
| Mills Chapel | Elder Rom Kerley | 2nd June | | | 1 | | | | 2 | 58 | 175. |
| New Hope | Elder Joe C. Helms | 4th Aug. | | | | | | | | 16 | 30. |
| Oak Grove | Not currently meeting | | | | | | | | | 3 | |
| Union | Elder E. H. Simpson | 1st May | | | | | | | 2 | 41 | 150. |
| | TOTALS | | 20 | | 13 | 1 | 7 | 23 | 24 | 1241 | $3029. |